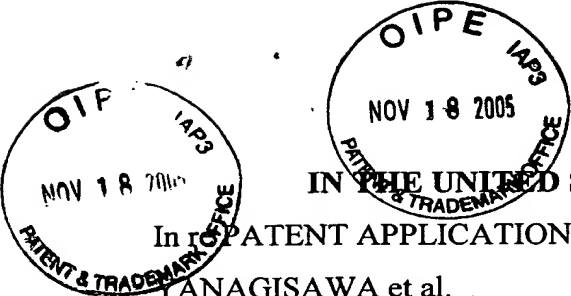


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Sir:

Consideration of the references listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 are respectfully requested.

The listed references were first cited in the corresponding Norwegian application. A copy of the Norwegian Office Action, dated August 26, 2005, which is not more than three months ago, is enclosed. As a non-final Office Action was issued November 8, 2005, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due.

It is respectfully noted that JP 9-319904, JP 9-128572, JP8-96181, JP 8-7131, JP 9-7011, JP 8-185550, and JP 8-293049, cited in the Norwegian Office Action are not listed and enclosed as they were submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Application July 21, 2000. The Examiner considered these references in a miscellaneous Office Correspondence dated May 15, 2003.

Norwegian (NO) Patent 20003227 is not listed as its equivalent, EP 1 042 738 B1, which is in English, is listed and enclosed.

Norwegian Patent 309958 and its equivalent EP 0 691 013 B1 are not listed as their equivalent, U.S. Patent 5,721,678, was submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 12, 2001 and considered by the Examiner in the October 18, 2002 Office Action.

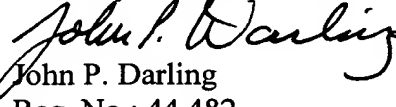
Norwegian Patent 318307 and its equivalent, EP 0 750 828 B1, are not listed as their equivalent, U.S. Patent 5,933,114 is listed instead. As the above-identified application was filed prior to June 30, 2003, a copy of U.S. Patent 5,933,114 is enclosed.

EP 0 701 723 A1, listed in the Norwegian Office Action, is enclosed. It is respectfully noted that EP 0 701 723 A1 is equivalent to U.S. Patents 6,109,525, 5,859,415, 5,796,084, and 5,757,286, which are not listed and enclosed as it is respectfully submitted that they are readily available to the Examiner.

Consideration of the references is respectfully requested. The Examiner is also respectfully requested to initial each reference, sign and date the PTO-1449 and return a copy of such with the next Office Action per MPEP § 609.

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